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Leon F. Newton and Earl F. Luther, Jr.

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For The Year Ending December 31, 1998
*Please Bring this Town Report to Town Meeting
on Tuesday, March 9, 1999*

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TOWN OFFICERS & COMMITTEES

Moderator	Kenneth Grant - 1999
Board of Selectmen	Camelia Amell - 1999
	Thomas Batchelder - 2000
	Lyman A. Young - 2001
Town Clerk	Brenda Longley - 2001
Tax Collector	Grant Tallman
Treasurer	Earl F. Luther Jr.
Supervisors of Checklist	Gordon Gowen - 2000
	Gladys Ring-Bogle - 2002
	Roselva A. Dearden - 2004
Overseer of Public Welfare	Selectmen
Health Officer	Patricia Rieck - 1999
Auditor	Cheryl Fernald
Trustees of Trust Fund	Marguerite Hanson - 1999
	Sandra Lord - 2000
	Alston Barrett - 2001
Library Trustees	Ruth Balla - 1999
	Nancy Sandoe - 2000
	Marguerite Hanson - 2001
	Matt Sarles - 1999
	Carolyn Jerard - 2000
Administrative Assistant to	
Board of Selectmen	Earl F. Luther, Jr.
Budget Committee	Torrey Greene - 1999
	Linda Christie - 1999
	Craig Lawler - 2000
	Howell Longley - 2000
	Ralph Balla - 2001
	Hugh Gendron - 2001
Road Agent	Don Porter
Road Committee	Howell Longley - 1999
	James Phinizy - 1999
	Ralph Balla - 2000
	Roger Butson - 2000
	Charles Bradt - 2001
	Hugh Gendron - 2001
Planning Board	Richard Bishop - 1999
	Matthew Sarles - 1999
	Thomas Esslinger - 2000
	Brenda Longley - 2000
	Bruce Bascom - 2001
	John W. Balla - 2001
Conservation Commission	Samuel Stephens - 1999
	Laurie Luther-Houghton - 1999
	Devik Hemmings - 2000
	Elizabeth Snider - 2000

Conservation Commission: cont.

Tree Warden

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Alternates to Zoning Board

Recreation Committee

Fall Mt. Reg. School Board Member

Town Forester

Recycling Committee

Geraldine Rudenfeldt - 2001

Deborah Hinman - 2001

G. Kristian Fenderson

Paul Colsmann - 1999

John W. Balla - 1999

James Phinizy - 2000

Patrick LeClair - 2001

Edward Metsack - 2001

Rob DeValk

Charles Ginter

Howell Longley - 1999

Guy DuBois - 1999

Cheryl Fernald - 2000

Mary Lord - 2000

Mark Edson - 2001

Michael Gendron - 2001

James Elsesser

Peter Rhoades

Earl Luther

Sam Stephens

John Tuthill

Albert Blais

Kelly Sanchas

REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TOWN HALL 835-6879

SELECTMEN: Alternate Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Camelia Amell - Chairman

TOWN CLERK: Mon., Tues, Wed., 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Sat. 9 - 11 a.m.
Brenda Longley, Town Clerk

PLANNING BOARD: Last Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Bruce Bascom, Chairman

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE:
Second Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Sam Stephens, Chairman

RECREATION COMMITTEE:
Second Mon., 7:00 p.m.
Red Longley, Chairman

ZBA: First Wed., 7:30 p.m.
Paul Colsmann Chairman

RECYCLING COMMITTEE:
First Tues., 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall

LIBRARY TRUSTEES: Second Tues., 9:30 a.m. Library
Nancy Sandoe, Chairman

LIBRARY HOURS: Sunday 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

DUMP HOURS Sat., 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Wed., 11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sun., 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:
FIRE: 352-1100
CLAREMONT POLICE: 542-7040

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 9, 1999**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Acworth in the County of Sullivan in said state, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to bring in your votes for Town Officers, and any other questions, to the Town Hall on Tuesday the 9th of March next, between the hours of 10:00 of the clock in the morning until nine of the clock in the evening to act upon the following:

The Business part of the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following

Town Officers:

One Moderator for a term of three years.

One Selectmen for the term of three years.

Treasurer to serve for a term of one year.

Tax Collector to serve for a term of one year.

Library Trustee for term of three years.

Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three years.

Two members of the Budget Committee to serve for terms of three years.

Two members of the Planning Board to serve for terms of three years.

Two members of the Road Committee to serve for terms of three years.

Auditor to serve for a term of one year.

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by Non-Partisan ballot for the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board.

Amendment #1 would eliminate the Crescent Lake Residential District and create a new separate Crescent Lake District. This change would reflect the difference in character between the Crescent Lake area and the South Acworth Village and Acworth Village Residential Districts while providing increased protection for the water quality and other resources of the Lake. This amendment would affect the permitted uses and boundaries of the District, and a height limit and several water quality provisions would be added. Second dwellings on lots would no longer be permitted in the affected area. For property currently in the Residential District, the minimum lot size, frontage and setbacks would remain the same. For property which this amendment would change from the Rural District to the Crescent Lake District, this amendment represents a reduction in dimensional requirements.

Amendment #2 would provide more flexible zoning requirements in the Rural District to encourage land conservation by enabling lot size averaging. Reduced lot sizes, frontage and setbacks would be coupled with a permanent conservation restriction on a portion of the property.

ARTICLE THREE: To vote by Non-Partisan ballot for the following Building Code as proposed by the Planning Board.

Proposed Building Construction Ordinance would apply to the construction, alteration and/or additions to all buildings and structures and incorporates the BOCA National Plumbing code, the 1996 National Electrical Code, the N.F.P.A. Life Safety Code 101, along with several additional provisions. These would apply to both new construction and renovations to existing buildings.

ARTICLE FOUR: To see if the Town will accept the minutes of the Town Meeting of March 10, 1998.

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers.

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a new highway truck for \$40,000.00 (Forty Thousand Dollars) with \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to come from the General Fund Surplus and \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) to come from general taxation in 1999.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to help support the work of The Community Kitchen, Inc. in Keene, N.H. BY PETITION.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote according to RSA 231-A to change Hyde Road from Five Points to Jerry Pfohl's barn from a Class VI road to a Class A trail for hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, skiing, snowshoeing and where appropriate, snowmobiling. BY PETITION.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To protect the surface and groundwater resources of the Town of Acworth, the stockpiling and landspreading of Class B sewage sludge and industrial paper mill sludge are not permitted in the Town of Acworth. This by-law shall not apply to septage generated within the Town of Acworth. BY PETITION.

ARTICLE TWELVE: Shall we adopt the provisions of the RSA 466:30-a which make it unlawful for any dog to run at large, except when accompanied by the owner or custodian, and when used for hunting, herding, supervised competition and exhibition or training for such.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this town meeting.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Acworth this 9th day of February, 1999.

Board of Selectmen
Camelia Amell
Thomas Batchelder
Lyman A. Young

A True Copy of Warrant Attest:
Camelia Amell
Thomas Batchelder
Lyman A. Young

**PLEASE NOTE: VOTING ON SCHOOL BALLOT WILL ONLY BE FROM
10 AM UNTIL 7 PM.**

1999 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ACWORTH

Purpose of Appropriation	Appropriations 1998	Expenditures 1998	Select- men's Budget 1999	Recom- mended 1999
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Executive	9,100	8,700	11,100	11,100
Elec., Reg. & Vital Stat.	2,000	3,042	2,000	2,000
Financial Administration SS	7,200	7,078	7,200	7,200
Revaluation of Property	1,200	1,419	1,500	1,500
Legal Expenses	5,000	8,090	5,000	5,000
Planning & Zoning	1,500	990	1,500	1,500
Gen. Government Bldgs.	5,000	4,812	5,000	5,000
Cemeteries	3,000	2,772	3,000	3,000
Insurance	10,000	7,599	10,000	10,000
Other Gen. Government	19,000	17,011	20,000	20,000
PUBLIC SAFETY				
Police	20,000	20,718	20,000	20,000
Ambulance	2,500	2,500	2,550	2,550
Fire	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Emergency Management	10		10	10
HIGHWAYS & STREETS				
Highways & Streets	130,000	117,024	130,000	130,000
General Expenses	30,000	39,093	30,000	30,000
Street Lighting	2,000	1,713	2,000	2,000
Road Signs			10,000	10,000
SANITATION				
Solid Waste Disposal	45,000	43,047	45,000	45,000
HEALTH/WELFARE				
Animal Control	700	1,482	1,200	1,200
Health Agencies, Hosp. & Other	9,200	5,062	9,200	9,200
Admin, & Direct Assistance	2,500	-0-	2,500	2,500
CULTURE & RECREATION				
Parks & Recreation	2,600	2,358	1,600	1,600
Library	14,300	14,300	14,150	14,150
Patriotic Purposes	150	150	150	150
CONSERVATION				
Other Conservation	600	600	600	600
DEBT SERVICE				
Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes	2,000	1,723	1,500	1,500
Interest on TANs	2,000	-0-	2,000	2,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Machinery, Vehicles, & Equipment			40,000	40,000
Improvements Other Than Buildings	50,000	45,766	50,000	50,000

SOURCE OF REVENUE

	Estimated Revenues <u>1998</u>	Actual Revenues <u>1998</u>	Estimated Revenue <u>1999</u>
TAXES			
Land Use Change Taxes	-0-	-0-	-0-
Timber Taxes	14,000	28,365	25,000
Int. & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	25,000	33,086	25,000
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES			
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	50,000	66,651	65,000
Building Permits	100	155	150
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees - Dogs, Boats	1,500	1,514	1,500
FROM STATE			
Shared Revenues	5,000	18,910	18,000
Meals & Rooms Tax Dist.	8,200	11,573	12,000
Highway Block Grant	94,652	94,652	94,615
State & Fed. Forest Land Reim.	280	314	300
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
Income from Depts.	500	1,048	1,000
Other Charges	3,000	4,921	5,000
MISC. REVENUES			
Sale of Municipal Prop.	1,000	1,601	500
Interest on Investments	3,000	5,621	4,000
Other	1,500	740	1,000
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
From Trust & Agency Funds	2,268	3,802	3,035
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS	210,000	272,953	276,100

BUDGET SUMMARY

Appropriations Recommended	463,760
TOTAL Approp. Recommended	463,760
Less: Amt. Estimated Revenue & Credits	276,100
Estimated Amount of Taxes To Be Raised	187,660

**MINUTES OF TOWN MEETING
MARCH 10, 1998**

Moderator Kenneth Grant asked that we all stand and have he flag salute.

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Library Trustee - Marguerite Hanson
Budget Committee - Ralph Balla - Hugh Gendron
Road Committee - Charles Bradt - Hugh Gendron
Planning Board - John W. Balla - Bruce Bascom

ARTICLE TWO: To vote by non-partisan ballot for the following amendments to the Zoning Ordinances as proposed by the Planning Board:

AMENDMENT 1 makes minor changes to clarify and correct wording, revises several sections in accord with changes to state law, and updates references to state law and state agencies. This amendment makes no substantive change to the current effect of the Ordinance or the manner in which the Ordinance is implemented.

Yes 194 No 22

AMENDMENT 2 clarifies and defines how the Ordinance is to be applied by using the terms "building" and "structure" consistently throughout the Ordinance and providing a definition for each.

Yes 193 No 21

AMENDMENT 3 revises the definitions of "frontage" and "right of way" in Article XIV to enable subdivisions which involve the construction of new private streets to serve lots created and thereby reduce the number of drive-ways accessing public through-roads.

Yes 173 No 38

AMENDMENT 4 clarifies what types of activities are unacceptable in Acworth by replacing Article III.B. regarding "obnoxious uses" with a detailed list.

Yes 179 No 34

AMENDMENT 5 replaces and expands Article III to enable some limited changes, expansions, and additions to legally existing non-conforming uses and buildings, clarifies that buildings on non-conforming lots must meet setback requirements, provides safeguards for expansions in the Conservation Zone and removes conflicting statements regarding non-conforming lots from Article IVB.1 and Article VB.1.

Yes 173

No 38

AMENDMENT 6 changes several sections to clarify the intent of the ordinance to provide both a minimum lot size and density requirement in each District; and allows a second principal use or building on a lot if the area and frontage of the lot is twice the minimum required.

Yes 172

No 41

AMENDMENT 7 strengthens the ability of the Board of Selectmen to enforce the requirement for an approved septic system by adding to Article IIIC a requirement that the septic system by adding to Article IIIC. a requirement that the septic system must be "completed and operable" before a building can be occupied.

Yes 176

No 36

AMENDMENT 8 recognizes and modifies the language regarding the Conservation Zone and adds several uses and safeguards that must accompany activities in the Zone. This amendment does not remove any permitted uses or change the extent of the Zone.

Yes 181

No 32

AMENDMENT 9 omits the restriction on the ownership status of mobile home residents in the Rural District in compliance with RSA 674:32, which provides that the controls for manufactured housing placed on individual lots be the same as those for conventional single family homes; and changes the permitting authority for temporary trailers from the Board of Adjustment to the Board of Selectmen.

Yes 165

No 48

AMENDMENT 10 removes the restriction that products sold by a "cottage industry" be limited to those prepared by that cottage industry.

Yes 162

No 41

ARTICLE 3 Motion made by Richard Stewart and seconded by Sandy Bisson to accept the minutes of Town Meeting of March 11, 1997 with the correction to read in Article #11 to spell Snyder to Snider, Motion passed.

ARTICLE 4 Motion was made by Raphael Nabatoff and seconded by Torrey Greene to empower the Selectmen to serve as pound keepers, measurers of wood and fence viewers. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 5 Motion was made by Richard Stewart and seconded by Winifred Blais to authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 6 Motion was made by Elizabeth Snider and seconded by Caroline Barth to approve an increase in the number of Acworth Silsby Library Trustees from three to five Members. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 7 Motion was made by Richard Stewart and seconded by Evelyn Clowes to raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same as recommended in the budget by the Budget Committee. Motion passed.

ARTICLE 8 Lyman Young told that there was a party on May 23rd from 12 Noon until 6 P.M. for Leon Newton who has been the tax collector for 62 years and retired this year. Thank you Leon for everything.

Legal notices to be posted:

Eagle
Keene Sentinel
News Leader (out of Newport)
2 Post Offices
Town Hall

Thank you to John Tuthill for all his work on the Solid Waste Project.
Carolyn Jerard made a motion to adjourn and Sandy Bisson seconded.
Meeting recessed until 9 P.M. and then counted votes.
Meeting adjourned at 1:0:30 P.M.

Brenda Longley
Town Clerk

**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
ACWORTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
YEAR ENDING 12/31/98**

DR	Levy 1998	Prior Levies 1997
Uncollected Taxes Beg. of Year*		
Property Taxes		150,694.37
Taxes Committed This Year:		
Property Taxes	1,236,093.00	
Yield Taxes	29,454.00	
Overpayment:		
Property Taxes	1,645.63	635.00
Interest & Fees on 1997 Liens		6,465.47
Interest Collected in Delinquent Taxes	1,757.18	5,689.38
TOTAL DEBITS	\$1,268,949.81	\$163,484.22
CR		
Remitted to Treasurer During FY:		
Property Taxes	1,105,353.27	157,159.84
Yield Taxes	28,364.68	
Interest	1,821.17	5,689.38
Abatements Made:		
Property Taxes		635.00
Uncollected Taxes - End of Year:		
Yield Taxes	132,320.87	
	1,089.82	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$1,268,949.81	\$163,484.22

* * * ON LEVIES OF * * *

Dr.	1998	1996	1995	Prev.
Unredeemed Liens Bal. at Beg. of Fiscal Year		69,831.77	47,644.77	2,522.78
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	64,657.20			
Interest & Costs Coll. (After Lien Execution)	510.23	6,365.54	16,961.24	1,693.08
TOTAL DEBITS	\$65,167.43	\$76,197.31	\$64,606.01	\$4,215.86
 CR.				
Remitted to Treasurer: Redemptions	7,251.52	22,283.50	44,922.51	2,522.78
Int. & Costs (After Lien Execution)	510.23	6,365.54	16,961.24	1,693.08
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr.	57,405.68	47,548.27	2,722.56	-0-
TOTAL CREDITS	\$65,167.43	\$76,197.31	\$64,606.01	\$4,215.86

TREASURER'S REPORT
1998

FROM TAX COLLECTOR:

Property 1999	29.00	
Property 1998	1,105,353.27	
Property Prev. Years'	157,159.84	
Yield Tax 1998	28,364.68	
Int. & Penalties	33,040.71	
Redemptions	<u>76,980.31</u>	
		1,400,893.81

FROM TOWN CLERK:

Motor Vehicle Permits	66,650.50	
Dog Licenses & Penalties	1,329.00	
Bad Check Penalties	<u>45.00</u>	
		68,024.50

FROM STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Highway Block Grant	94,651.75	
Revenue Sharing	18,910.47	
Rooms and Meals	11,572.55	
In Lieu of Taxes: Honey	313.78	
Used Oil Grant	<u>698.28</u>	
		126,146.83

MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES:

Transfer Station Fees	3,226.00	
Interest From Deposits	5,621.32	
Income From Depts.	420.00	
Reimb: School Elections	627.50	
Reimb: Cemetery Wages	2,117.75	
Boat Fees	185.00	
Sale of Histories, Maps	562.00	
Recycling Proceeds	539.11	
Various Fees	329.93	
CC Savings Acc't	1,000.00	
Refunds	565.32	
Sale of Sander	500.00	
Timber Tax Bond	2,770.00	
Roy Mitchell Trust	<u>342.43</u>	
		<u>20,511.36</u>

Treasurer's Report: cont.

TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,615,576.50
Balance 12/31/97	<u>292,547.04</u>
GRAND TOTAL	1,908,123.54
Less Payments	<u>1,530,559.18</u>
	377,564.36
Plus Adjustment	<u>133.10</u>
Balance 12/31/98	\$377,697.46

CONSERVATION COMMISSION ACCOUNT

Balance 1/15/98	\$3,799.25	
Withdrawal	(1,000.00)	
Deposit	197.05	
Interest	<u>77.95</u>	
Balance 1/15/99		\$3,074.25

BUTSON GRAVEL BANK ESCROW

Balance 12/31/97	\$1,845.63	
Interest	<u>49.29</u>	
Balance 12/31/98		\$4,895.19

Earl F. Luther, Jr.,
Treasurer

DEBT OUTSTANDING AND RETIRED

Debt Purpose	Outstanding 1-1-98	Retired During Yr.	Outstanding 1-1-99
Mack Truck	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

From:

Motor Vehicles Permits	66,650.50	
Dog Licenses & Penalties	1,329.00	
Bad Check Penalties	<u>45.00</u>	
		68,024.50

TOWN OF ACWORTH, NH PROPERTY VALUATION SUMMARY

CLASS	TAXABLE VALUE	NON-TAXABLE VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
LAND	16,545,310	1,078,700	17,624,010
CUSE	1,231,716		1,231,716
BLDG.	25,445,425	991,770	26,437,195
MOHO	480,175	18,480	498,655
UTIL	1,419,031		1,419,031
TOTAL	45,121,657	2,088,950	47,210,607

Blind Exemptions (45,000)
@15,000

Elderly Exemptions (95,000)

Net Valuation on which Tax Rate is computed 44,981,657.00

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I have examined the records of the Tax Collector, Treasurer, Town Clerk and the Trustees and have found them to be correctly recorded and properly vouched.

Cheryl A. Fernald
Auditor

COMPUTATION OF TAX RATE TOWN OF ACWORTH

			TAX RATE
Appropriations	411,560		
Less: Revenues	238,114		
Less: Shared Revenues	4,100		
Add: Overlay	5,109		
War Service Credits	<u>2,475</u>		
Net Town Appropriation		176,930	
Special Adjustment		<u>-0-</u>	
Approved Town Tax Effort			176,93
Municipal Tax Rate			3.93
- - - School Portion - - -			
Due Local School	-0-		
Due Reg. School	943,917		
Less: Shared Revenues	9,189		
Net School Appropriation		934,728	
Special Adjustment		<u>-0-</u>	
Approved School Tax Effort			934,728
School Tax Rate			20.78
- - - County Portion - - -			
Due to County	126,384		
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>1,046</u>		
Net County Appropriation		125,338	
Special Adjustment		<u>-0-</u>	
Approved County Tax Effort			125,338
County Tax Rate			2.79
Combined Tax Rate			27.50
Total Property Taxes Assessed		1,236,996	
Less: War Service Credits		(2,475)	
Add: Village Dist. Commitment		<u>-0-</u>	
Total Property Tax Commitment		1,234,521	
- - - Proof of Rate - - -			
Net Assessed Valuation		Tax Rate	Assessment
44,981,657		27.50	1,236,996

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS & EXPENDITURES

<u>Title of Appropriation</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Total Amt. Available</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>	<u>Overdraft</u>
Town Officers' Salaries	9,100	9,100	8,700	400	
Town Officers' Expenses	19,000	19,000	17,011	1,989	1,042
Electron & Registration	2,000	2,000	3,042		
Planning & Zoning	1,500	1,500	990	510	
Gen. Government Bldgs.	5,000	5,000	4,812	188	
Police	20,000	20,000	20,720		720
Fire	20,000	20,000	20,000		
Civil Defense	10	10	10		
Cemeteries	3,000	3,000	2,772	228	
Legal Expenses	5,000	5,000	8,090		3,090
Highway Maintenance	130,000	130,000	117,024	12,976	
Gen. Highway Expense	30,000	30,000	39,093		9,093
Street Lighting	2,000	2,000	1,713	287	
Solid Waste Disposal	45,000	45,000	43,047	1,953	
Health - Agencies	9,200	9,200	5,062	4,138	
Ambulance	2,500	2,500	2,500		
Animal Control	700	700	1,482		782
Welfare	2,500	2,500		2,500	
Library Operating	14,300	14,300	14,300		
Parks & Recreation	2,600	2,600	2,358	242	
Memorial Day	150	150	150		
Conservation Commission	600	600	600		
Prin. Long Term Notes	15,000	15,000	15,000		
Interest: All	4,000	4,000	1,723	2,277	
Revaluation of Property	1,200	1,200	1,419		219
Insurance	10,000	10,000	7,599	2,401	
Social Security	7,200	7,200	7,078	122	
Capital Expenditures	50,000	50,000	45,766	4,234	
	411,560	411,560	392,051	34,455	14,946

**TOWN OF ACWORTH
SUMMARY OF DETAILED PAYMENTS**

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Camelia Amell, Selectman	1,500.00
Thomas Batchelder, Selectman	1,500.00
Lyman Young, Selectman	1,500.00
Grant Tallman, Tax Collector	2,000.00
Brenda Longley, Town Clerk	1,400.00
Earl Luther, Treasurer	700.00
Patricia Rieck, Health Officer	<u>100.00</u>

8,700.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

Administrative Ass't Salary	2,500.00
Town Reports	1,421.00
Tax Bills	1,907.04
Audit	5,700.00
Telephone	689.12
Postage	1,284.01
Recordings + Postage to Registrar	436.64
Association Dues	1,277.00
Public Notices	100.70
Supplies	1,138.55
Forester	218.75
Misc.	<u>338.00</u>

17,010.81

STREET LIGHTING

1,712.85

AMBULANCE

2,500.00

ELECTIONS, REGISTRATIONS

Wages	2,015.00
Supplies	392.45
Public Notices	324.49
Voting Booth Materials	<u>159.66</u>

3,041.80

REVALUATION OF PROPERTY

1,419.29

LEGAL EXPENSE

Project Withdrawal Case	7,291.30
NHEC Case	177.79
General Matters	621.39

8,090.48

PLANNING & ZONING

Public Notices	441.38
Supplies, Postage	<u>548.47</u>

989.85

TOWN HALL		
#2 Fuel Oil	1,008.22	
Electricity	440.38	
Lawn Mowing	720.00	
Custodial	380.00	
Supplies	111.20	
Flag Duty	120.00	
Repairs	232.46	
Advance Payment	1,800.00	
		4,812.26
GENERAL EXPENSES		
Parts Supplies	17,233.83	
Tires, Repair	2,666.90	
Equipment Repair	11,263.53	
Diesel	3,862.30	
Gas	678.77	
Fuel Oil (#2)	1,179.78	
Telephone	603.10	
Electricity	902.29	
Misc.	<u>702.41</u>	
		39,092.91
HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE		
Salary, Wages	63,678.25	
Insurance	7,902.76	
Bradt Project	12,217.72	
Gravel	13,980.00	
Patch: Shurpac	3,107.11	
Screening	7,220.00	
Salt	3,951.23	
Bridge Rail Repair	396.00	
Mowing	2,875.00	
Trucking, Plowing	170.00	
Calcium Chloride	1,176.00	
Chipper Rent	<u>350.00</u>	
		117,024.07
CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
Crescent Lake Tests	183.00	
1999 Assoc. Dues	125.00	
Supplies, Postage, Etc.	94.95	
Approp. Balance To Savings	<u>197.05</u>	
		600.00
CEMETERIES		2,771.78
INSURANCE		
Property - Liability	6,227.00	
Workman's Comp	860.15	
Unemp. Comp	218.82	
Road Agent Disability	<u>293.30</u>	
		7,599.27

ANIMAL CONTROL

Wages	782.78
Dog Tags	125.35
State Fees	497.00
Animal Hospital	70.00
Supplies	<u>4.69</u>

1,479.82

HEALTH CARE (HOME)	3,261.68
SOUTHWESTERN COM. SERVICES	500.00
COMMUNITY KITCHEN	450.00
HOSPICE	250.00
FOODSHELF	<u>600.00</u>

5,061.68

FIRE 20,000.00**POLICE**

Payroll	7,224.97
Final Payment - Cruiser	6,222.21
Dispatch	2,600.00
Cruiser Maintenance	1,513.77
Supplies	728.09
Publications	221.43
Secretary	600.00
Telephone	647.06
Gas	603.98
Radio, Pager	<u>358.60</u>

20,720.11

TRANSFER STATION

Wages	6,930.00
NH/VT SWP	13,116.05
Gas	8,983.40
BFI	6,396.50
Paint Disposal	1,144.00
1st Pay To NH/VT SWP	
As result of court case -	4,000.00
Electricity	242.14
Telephone	260.00
Glass Crusher	1,600.00
Misc.	<u>375.09</u>

43,047.18

150.00

PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Site Work	960.00
Port. Toilet	610.00
Electricity	172.51
Mowing	280.00
Supplies	<u>335.03</u>

2,357.54

ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY

Payroll	8,173.75	
S.S.	625.30	
Paid to Trustees	<u>5,500.95</u>	14,300.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES		7,078.22
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTE		15,000.00
INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTE		1,722.62
FMRSD		938,917.00
TAX LIENS		69,009.15
ROAD PROJECT		45,766.49
FOREST PLAN		2,250.00
COUNTY TAX		126,384.00
REFUNDS		1,750.00
TOTAL		1,530,559.18

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1998 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Beginning Balance Operation Funds	2,359.38	
Beginning Balance Savings Funds	27,666.91	30,026.29
Town Appropriation		
Received From Treasurer	5,500.95	
Salaries Paid by Treasurer	8,173.75	
Soc. Sec. Paid By Treasurer	625.30	14,300.00
Income From Trust Funds	4,319.66	
Interest On Savings & CDs	1,444.67	
Book Sales & Misc.	455.00	
Misc. Copy Fee & Services	120.18	
Craft Fair	130.00	6,469.51
Donations Designated	369.70	
Misc. Donations	250.00	619.70
Rec. Hislop Trust	14,296.57	14,296.57
	Total Available	51,415.50
	Total In Trust	14,296.57
	Total Spent Operating	14,758.77
	Total Spent Capital	2,891.45
	Balance Available	33,765.28
	Balance In Trust	14,296.57
	Total	48,061.85
Balance In Operating Funds	2,118.91	
Balance In Temp Savings	14,824.97	
Balance In CD# 1	15,953.68	
Balance In CD# 2	14,553.34	
Undeposited Checks	610.95	
Total	48,061.85	

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall and Land	\$109,000.00	
Contents	6,000.00	
Library and Land	113,000.00	
Contents	30,000.00	
Police Dept. Equipment	5,000.00	
Town Garage and Land	96,300.00	
Equipment	267,000.00	
Materials, Supplies	6,000.00	
Grange Hall and Land	56,000.00	
Town Common	28,000.00	
Sand Pit, Transfer Station	<u>30,800.00</u>	
TOTAL		747,100.00
Lands Acquired Through Tax Collector's Deeds		
Roberts Lot 280B	14,800.00	
R. Howard Estate Lot 231A	17,600.00	
Ball Lot 466	6,900.00	
Benware Mobile Home	7,400.00	
Wilson Mobile Home	12,900.00	
Buss Lot 357	8,300.00	
Callum Lot 485	2,000.00	
Capello Lot 812	18,000.00	
Champney Lot 260	7,900.00	
Crescent Lake Lot 101B	7,900.00	
Farnsworth Lot 279A	41,300.00	
Gove Lots-207,207A,208,208A	332,700.00	
Hurd Lots - Lots 55C, 59B	33,400.00	
Jennison Lot 623	28,100.00	
Morris Lot 871	6,300.00	
Nelson Lot 618A	11,400.00	
Onofrio Lot 140A	18,100.00	
Prouty Lot 649	7,100.00	
Shaw Lot 227A	9,900.00	
Turner Lot 68A	13,100.00	
Witkiewicz Lot 257	<u>17,600.00</u>	
TOTAL		622,700.00
Lands Acquired Through Gift or Purchase		
Acworth Wetlands Lot 253	3,600.00	
Peirera Wetlands Lots 263A, 263C	10,500.00	
Diggert Lot 255	1,900.00	
Pierce Brook Woodlot Lot 720	8,700.00	
Ward Lot 422A	10,100.00	
Mill Pond Acre and Mica Shed	19,300.00	
Five Points School Hse Lot 464	7,000.00	
Prince Lot 515A	<u>1,600.00</u>	
TOTAL		62,700.00

BOARD OF SELECTMEN' 1998 REPORT

1998 has been a relatively quiet year for the Select Board. In January a part time police officer resigned and none was hired to replace him. Officer Webber took care of Acworth Police business throughout the year until funding ran out in late fall. He was reinstated in December with the coming of a new budget.

Highway communication systems were upgraded, and the addition of a third employee continued.

The audit, done by Plodzik and Sanderson, was completed to the satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen.

A road improvement project was accomplished with the services of C & I Construction on the Beryl Mt. Road, where cumulative water problems defied regular road maintenance. It is the hope of the Board that road signs will be purchased and in place with the coming year. The Charlestown Road Project was completed and some shimming was completed as the budget allowed.

In March Leon Newton attended his last Select Board meeting, as he has done every other Monday night for many, many years. His retirement and subsequent death leaves us all saddened as we remember his many deeds and contributions to Acworth.

The Solid Waste Project case has been put to rest and we have begun our yearly payment plan as set forth in the court settlement. Our transfer station has remained open on both Saturday and Sunday throughout the year.

In December some Town Hall repairs were negotiated and begun. The Board has discussed not only building repairs but also the need for growth with extended services being supplied out of the Town Hall. It is recommended that a 3 person study committee be appointed to look at the best way to handle these future needs. The Board has also investigated the use of technology for the Tax Collector and Town Clerk. Money is proposed in the 1999 budget to begin the process of computerizing these offices.

Acworth Board of Selectmen
Camelia Amell
Thomas Batchelder
Lyman A. Young

PLANNING BOARD 1998 REPORT

The Board met 13 times in 1998. Meetings are held every last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. and are open to the public.

One subdivision was granted during the year. A couple of requests for subdivisions on Class Six roads were withdrawn. The Board is planning to work to develop a proposed written "Class Six" road policy for review and possible acceptance by the selectmen later in 1999. There is a lot of confusion regarding building permits and possible subdivision questions along Class Six roads that needs to be addressed.

The Planning Board is recommending a positive vote on two ballot vote amendments to the existing Acworth zoning ordinances. One amendment of mostly housekeeping, slightly changes, alters and updates the current Crescent Lake Residential District to better reflect the difference in character between the Crescent Lake area and the other two town Residential Districts. The Planning Board and ZBA feel this change is to the benefit of the property owners around the lake.

The second amendment of lot size averaging is to encourage land conservation by providing more flexible zoning requirements.

The Planning Board is recommending a positive ballot vote on the proposed Acworth Building Code. This minimum basic building code would improve certain future construction requirements and ensure compliance with existing National Codes adopted by state agencies.

Your attendance is always welcome at our meetings.

Bruce Bascom, Chairman
John Balla, Secretary
Richard Bishop
Tom Esslinger
Brenda Longley
Matthew Sarles
Tom Batchelder, Selectman

ACWORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT 1998 REPORT TO TOWN

1998 was a very busy year for the Police Department. There were a total of 926 reports logged with the department. To show the trend in community usage of the Police Department, there were 148 calls in 1996, 581 calls in 1997, and 926 calls in 1998. This was an increase of 345 calls over last year. There were 28 reported motor vehicle accidents this year, that was an increase of 13 more than 1997. There were 8 domestic calls which was up over last year. Speed still remains a problem in town, however we will be working on this now that we have a radar unit. Aaron left the department in January and moved out of town. I have not filled this position as yet, however the position will remain open. Several parking problems were discussed this past year with the Selectmen and work is in progress to solve them. There were numerous break-ins and vandalism done to homes this past summer. The problem has been solved and taken care of.

Following is a breakdown of the calls received by the department.

Dog/Animal problems/bites	81	Criminal Threatening	1
Wanted Persons	1	Motor Vehicle Complaints	63
Juvenile Problems	4	Motor Vehicle Accidents	28
Domestics	8	Public Service/Assists	12
Run-a-way/Missing Persons	7	Motor Vehicle Stops	82
Police Information	103	Criminal Mischief	10
Vehicle Repossessions	1	Vandalism Property/Vehicle	10
Follow up Investigations	154	Fire/Medical Calls/Assists	2
911 Hang up/Traces	7	Traffic Complaints/Problems	3
Harassing Phone Calls	2	Assist Other Departments	9
Trespassing Complaints	2	Theft by Unauthorized Taking	16
Misc. Complaints/Calls	43	OHRV Complaints	8
Public Hazard	41	Suspiciou Person/Activity	5
Liquor Violations	4	Suspicious Vehicle/Vehicles	12
Environmental Complaints	1	Abandon Vehicle/Vehicles	19
Shots Fired/Gun Complaints	6	Noise Complaints	4
Lost/Found Property	3	Drug Complaints	1
Break-ins/Burglary	7	Assault/Fights	1
Background/Records Checks	11	Property/Building Checks	142
Illegal Dumping	4	Bench Warrants/Paperwork	8

I wish to thank the townspeople for their continued support this past year. I wish to thank the CCSA (Concerned Citizens for a Safer Acworth) and all the people involved in the procuring of the funds to purchase the long needed Radar Unit. It has been put to good use already. There were several summons insssued for speed. Again I thank the Acworth Fire Department and Rescue Squad for their tremendous help and assistance at the numerous motor vehicle accidents.

Police Department: cont

A big thank you goes out to my Police Secretary, Nancy Stewart for her time and devotion to the Department. The town Highway Department is to be commended for their quick response to troubled areas when needed.

Please contact the Police Department if you have any type of complaint. We will handle it or place you in touch with someone who can. 911 for Emergency calls, 542-7040 for Dispatch. Claremont Police Dispatch is in touch with me 24 hours a day by Pager, Telephone or Radio. You and your safety are important.

David W. Webber,
Chief

**ACWORTH SILSBY LIBRARY
1998 REPORT**

Our library continues to be a busy place. In 1998 there were 60 class visits from the school, where one of the librarians always read a story or taught a library skills lesson. School children checked out 524 books. Other patrons made 1067 visits to the library, and check out 1187 adult books, 1207 children's books, 87 audio books, and 347 videos. In addition, we lent many magazines and paperbacks, helped with school work, and answered reference and genealogy questions.

The Internet and educational CD ROMs are available to all, as well as word processing and copying. There is a new readers advisory group which makes suggestions for new books. Let us know if you would like to be part of it, or make your suggestions directly to the librarian.

The library looks beautiful since being painted last summer, and the new furnishings in the bird room make it a pleasant place for reading or research.

It is wonderful that the town is so supportive of the library, and we look forward to seeing many of you here and at our annual programs - - the 4th of July Strawberry Fest, the book sale at Old Home Day, and the Craft Fair in November.

LIBRARY TRUSTEES 1998 REPORT

The most exciting bit of progress for our library this past year happened at March '98 Town Meeting when it was voted to add two more Trustees to our group. Carolyn Jerard and Matt Sarles joined us - he for a one year term and she for two years. Unfortunately, Matt is unable to run for the re-election this year, so there will be a "write-in" for his spot on the Board. Ruth Balla, our treasurer, will be on the ballot for another term. Carolyn and Matt have both made tremendous contributions to our Board this year with innovative contributions at meetings, work in the library and with their volunteering to assist with various projects.

We are currently accepting bids for the construction of a roof over the Handicap Access - the entrance to the lower level of the library. Detailed architectural plans and specifications, drawn up by Mark Haubrich, are available at the library during its open hours.

We have also been working with the Selectmen and Planning Board on a sign for the library. This is a New Hampshire State Library requirement for all public libraries - a well-placed outside sign that is easily readable from the road(s).

We will also be accepting bids for revamping the electrical wiring and lighting system - bringing it "up to code". Peter Tennet, an architect recommended by the State Library, and a consultant to many libraries on the Historic Preservation list, visited our library in the late fall and recommended a number of changes which we plan to incorporate during the electrical renovation.

Thanks to Mike Gendron's outstanding craftsmanship we now have new bookshelves in the southwest corner of the Reading Room (Bird Room), and many of the New Hampshire town histories and other local reference books reside there now.

We have received a magnificent antique bridal quilt from Edgar Nutt of Charlestown. It has a number of Acworth and South Acworth women's signatures on the center patches and we have a list of all signators in the library. Carefully stored, anyone who wishes to see the quilt may do so during library hours if you call first. It will also be exhibited during Old Home Day in August.

Two other gifts were also recently received via Earl Luther, Executor of the Leon Newton Estate. The first is the lovely wooden rocking chair given to Leon by the Town for his many years of love and service to Acworth at his retirement. The second is a Newton family piece - an old mantle steeple clock. Both of these have been gratefully received and will be treasured in the library.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy K. Sandoe, President
for Ruth Balla, Maggie Hanson,
Carolyn Jerard and Matt Sarles

ROAD AGENT REPORT 1998

The Highway Department has had a busy year working to keep your town roads and highways in good repair. Some of the projects this year included : the completion of the Charlestown Road with Hot Top and graveled shoulders. Sealing and Brush cutting in that area will be completed this year. We will begin on Luther Hill Rd. and Cold Pond Rd with tarring from town to dirt road. Culverts were installed on Heino Rd. and Breier Rd. Brush was cut on Grout Hill Rd., Heino Rd., Turkey Shoot Rd., and Terry Wards Rd. Ditches were cleaned on Ingolsby Rd., Turkey Shoot Rd., Campbells Rd., and part of Terry Wards Rd. Gravel was hauled and spread on Cold Pond Rd., Quinns Rd., Breier Rd., Grout Hill Rd., Heino Rd., Ingolsby Rd., Black North Rd., Turkey Shoot Rd., Lynn Hill Rd., H. Bascoms Rd., and H. Putnams Rd.

This was the year for ice. Roads were rough as we used a salt and sand mix. If you want bare roads, you must use plain salt to begin, but the town voted to not use just plain salt. The Highway Department would be best served with a salt and sand shed for the storage and protection of extra salt during ice storms such as we experienced this past year.

Road projects this coming year should include the sealing of tar roads to keep them from breaking up. Regular brush cutting along our roads is also an important part of the highway maintenance as it widens them and makes them more passable.

The one-ton truck needs replacing as it has a lot of mileage on it and it has been requiring more and more repairs to keep it in service. The motor is using quite a bit of oil and it is just worn out from the heavy use required. The department uses this one-ton truck every day, summer and winter and it is one of the most useful pieces of equipment we own.

The Highway department would like to thank everyone for their help and patience this past year as we worked to keep the Acworth roads in the best possible condition.

Don Porter, Road Agent

The Commission spent a lot of time this year talking about snowmobile trails and landowner concerns that were brought to our attention. The primary concern that we heard expressed was about the noise level that machines tend to make now. Many landowners make their lands open to snowmobile trails. Snowmobile club members work very hard on building and maintaining these trails. Emotions can run high when change happens. We were pleased with the civility that all parties exhibited while dealing with this difficult topic.

We also heard concerns about erosion and general degradation of Class VI Roads in town, particularly those created by the excessive use of pickup trucks during mud conditions. We feel that the Trails Warrant Article before the voters this year is a Class VI Road solution worth a try. This Trail designation will allow a Class VI Road to continue to be used for hiking, horseback riding, skiing, and snowmobiling. It will not allow motorized wheeled vehicles except for farm and forest use by abutting land owners and for public safety purposes.

Sam, Betsy, and Geri continued water quality testing on Crescent Lake. These tests were done three times during the year as we worked with the Unity Conservation Commission and the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES). The water quality remains good, although a decrease in quality shows up in August as temperatures rise and the numbers of motor boats increase.

The Commission continued its conservation easement monitoring duties this year with boundary walks on the Raymond Roy, Pierce Brook, and David Clark properties. Ben Mahnke, land specialist from the Monadnock Conservancy Land Trust, spoke about conservation easements at a workshop that several of us attended. There is now a packet of natural resource information available at the town library which includes books I & II of Preserving Family Lands by well respected lawyer, Stephen Small. Anyone who would like to learn more about developing timber and wildlife management plans for their woodlands, or permanent land protection through conservation easements, may contact the Commission for more information. In addition, we encourage landowners, both local and non-residential, to contact County Forester, Steve Wood, at the Cooperative Extension office in Newport for information on woodlot management & wildlife habitat enhancement.

The Town Forest continued to be a focus of activity for the Commission. With the help of Town Forester Peter Rhoades, two Antioch graduate students Greg Cohen and Bob Wood, and forest board members Peter Wotowiec and Rob DeValck, the Commission is creating a sustainable management plan for the Forest which includes a wildlife habitat component. This will be available at the library later in the year. We intend to complete a small timber cut on one part of the forest this winter if frozen ground lasts long enough. A good management plan considers many things, including: timber, wildlife corridors and habitat, running and standing water, unique plants, trees, scenic, and cultural/historical areas, recreational uses, other land uses in the neighborhood, and educational opportunities. The Commission hopes that people will be able to learn more about this particular forest and best management practices for forests in general. We welcome all who are interested in getting involved in any capacity this year to give us a call.

The Commission and other volunteers picked up roadside trash in May, concentrating on the Cold Pond Road, Hill Road, and the Charlestown Road (again!). We are grateful for the

volunteers who pitch in to help in this annual effort and for the ongoing cleanup by individuals on their walks throughout the year. Please remind your friends and family not to litter! Watch for the next date for Green Up Day in early May before black flies.

Sam, Betsy, and Debby participated in the zoning ordinance discussions with the Planning Board during the fall. We share that board's concerns that the town needs to be more prepared to handle growth without losing our quality of life or quality of natural resources.

Sam attended the annual Conservation Commission training. Debby attended a three day wildlife and forestry training, called COVERTS, sponsored by the UNH Cooperative Extension and the Ruffed Grouse Society. Geri attended water testing workshops, and Betsy went to several Municipal Law Seminars.

The Commission is again participating in the Project SERVE program which connects interested high school youth with projects on local Conservation Commissions. Students also receive credit from school for their project. Noah Tuthill, a senior from East Acworth, completed a study of the Acworth Wetlands area. He took aerial photos & created a booklet of wetland plants and creatures which will be available at the library. Noah presented his project findings to his biology class, the Project SERVE Director, and members of the conservation commission. His project was featured in an article in the Manchester Union Leader last fall. Aaron Blake completed a trails project for us last year. We look forward to new projects and students this coming year.

The Commission continued to review many intents-to-cut that came in this year. The Town Forester also reviews these. We strongly encourage residents to work with a forester to create a forest management plan before making logging decisions. You will find that your long term gain and your forest's long term health will be better served with a managed cut rather than a spur-of-the-moment cut. Again, the town and county foresters are information resources for all landowners about forest planning, logging procedures, & logging contracts.

The second annual "Paint and Dry Cell Battery" collection day was held by the Recycling Committee, of which Sam is a member. We encourage YOUR participation in recycling! We meet the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 PM and welcome all to our meetings. We thank Laurie for the great job she does in writing up our meeting minutes each month.

Respectfully, Sam Stephens, Chair
Laurie Luther-Houghton, Geraldine Rudenfeldt, Debby Hinman, Betsy Snider, Devik Hemmings.

Acworth's Water Quality Protection Regulations

Wetlands

State of New Hampshire permits are required for all excavation, removal, dredging, filling or construction in or on the bank of any fresh surface water or wetlands. Surface waters include lakes, rivers, brooks and perennial and seasonal streams. Wetlands are areas saturated with ground or surface water enough to support certain vegetation which grows in saturated soil conditions. Questions: Call the NH Wetlands Bureau, 271-2147. Applications: Acworth Town Clerk.

Shoreland Protection Act

All property within 250 feet of the banks of Crescent Lake is subject to the *State of New Hampshire's* Shoreland Protection Act. Among other things, this Act requires certain setbacks for all buildings and leachfields, maintenance of a natural woodland buffer, minimum lot frontage, and restrictions on the use of fertilizers. *NH Wetland permits* are needed for construction/repair of docks/piers. Prepare early in case your permit takes awhile to be issued. Questions: Call Jody Connor at DES, 271-3514. Applications: See Acworth Town Clerk.

Acworth's Conservation Zone

In addition to the above, and per Acworth's *Conservation Zone regulations* established in 1973, no buildings may be constructed within 100 feet of all streambanks, lakes, and ponds (natural and artificial). Only specific other uses are permitted within this range. Permit denial by the Planning Board may be taken to the Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) for special enumerated exceptions after review by the Acworth Conservation Commission.

For More Information

Please check with the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, or Selectmen if you are unsure whether or not you need a permit for activities such as logging, building or expanding a driveway, installing culverts, replacing or creating a dock or pier, or building and renovations of any sort. ***Landowners are responsible for knowing the proper procedures*** required on any and all work done on their property. In addition, ***contractors are held responsible*** for following all state and town permitting procedures and best management practices.

ACWORTH RECYCLING COMMITTEE 1998 REPORT

The recycling committee met intermittently during 1998. Existing collection programs were maintained. A used paint and household battery collection was held during the late fall. Removing toxic materials from residential waste is an important step towards protecting air and water quality. Residents are encouraged to continue recycling reusable materials and to minimize waste. Preventing pollution is less costly and friendlier to the environment than trying to control it. Look for non-toxic products whenever possible.

The recycling committee would like to thank Hank Carr for his helpful and common sense approach to reducing the amount of waste Acworth sends for disposal. Comments suggestions or ideas about how to improve recycling are welcomed by the committee. Contact Earl Luther, Sam Stevens, Al Blais or John Tuthill for information or to volunteer.

John Tuthill
2/17/99

RECREATION COMMITTEE 1998 REPORT

We started off the year with a really good skating rink. I would like to thank Shaun Relihan for helping with the upkeep.

Next we did pies and coffee at the Town Meeting which was a big success.

We now have the Volleyball Court and Horseshoe Pits done. They are open for anyone to use.

We had our peanut Carnival again this year at Old Home Day. We had more games and more fun.

Leon Newton donated money to us and we bought full baseball uniforms for the 9 - 12 year olds and T-shirts and hats for the younger teams. They all look really sharp in them.

All the soccer teams did a fantastic job this year. There was no girl's tournament but the boy's team went to Putney, Vermont. Three from the girl's team played with them. They walked away with the 2nd place trophy. Congratulations kids on the fantastic games you played.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out this year and if you would like to be a part of the Recreation Committee give me a call.

Red Longley
Chairman

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO., INC.

1998 REPORT

The Company responded to a total of 46 calls during this calendar year. This is an increase in excess of 20% in responses over the previous year, and continues the pattern of the recent past in which the services of fire and rescue personnel are increasingly in demand. Looked at from an annual perspective, this averages to a response every 8 days over the year, and reflects a real commitment from those who serve. We continue to strive to provide the best level of service possible within the physical and financial limitations which exist, our goal being to make the most out of that which is available to us.

To this end, our major activities this year centered around equipping the new M-2 minipumper which was delivered in May of this year and displayed at our open house in June. Based on a Ford F-350 4x4 chassis, this apparatus, designed as a first attack and rescue responder, contains a foam proportioning system, 200 gallon tank, and a 300 GPM pump. Larger compartments have been provided than existed in the previous unit, enabling better storage and arrangement for fire and rescue equipment. Improved flood lighting on this model makes night activity less hazardous and complicated. To improve rescue capability, several new tools have been purchased, including air bags, a metal cutting saw, hydraulic pressure tool, and a supplementary generator.

Providing in-house training for our volunteers is an area into which we are moving, with a video player and monitor having been purchased for this purpose. Updating radio communication equipment continues on with purchase of additional handsets anticipated. Protective equipment, while always a major expense, must remain a priority to ensure safety and confidence in the ability to do the job.

The M-3 tanker, one of our major contributions in the area of Mutual Aid responsibilities, had extensive Necessary repairs performed on the tank. It was not in service as of this time one year ago, but early this year, with the completion of the tank repairs and some other needed attention, it was restored to service. We expect to be able to rely on this piece to continue to serve us for some time, now.

We wish to thank those who have contributed to the Company financially and in many other ways in the past year very, very much. All contributions are gratefully acknowledged. We continue to seek individuals to join us in this important, worthwhile commitment to service for Acworth. Meetings are second Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m. at the fire house.

Respectfully submitted
Elbert Knicely, Chief

ACWORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE CO., INC.
1998 FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME

Town	\$20,000.00
Post Office	10,507.00
Donations	935.00
Sale of Truck	<u>5,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$36,432.00

EXPENSES

Heat, electrcity, gasoline	\$ 605.00
Supplies, repairs	7,398.92
Administration	4,254.66
Insurance	6,165.00
Capital	<u>24,737.31</u>
TOTAL	\$43,160.92

We purchased an air bag system and a defibrillator at a cost of \$7,400.00
Donations received in memory of individuals were used toward the purchase
of these rescue tools.

HOME HEALTHCARE, HOSPICE & COMMUNITY SERVICES 1998 REPORT

In 1998, Home Healthcare, Hospice and Community Services (HCS) continued to provide home care and community services to the residents of Acworth. The following information represents a projection of HCS's activities in your community in 1998. The projection is based on actual services provided from January through September 1998 and an estimate of usage during October, November and December.

SERVICE REPORT

SERVICES OFFERED	SERVICES PROVIDED
Nursing	158 Visits
Physical Therapy	103 Visits
Speech Pathology	12 Visits
Occupational Therapy	0 Visits
Medical Social Work	9 Visits
Nutritionist	9 Visits
Home Health Aide	220 Visits
Homemaker	7 Hours
Outreach	11 Visits
Home & Community Based Care*	2,120 Hours
Health Promotion Clinics	3 Clinics

*Home and Community Based Care is a Medicaid program which offers extended home care services to individuals who are in need of nursing home level care but can be maintained at home for a lower cost.

Total Unduplicated Residents Served: 52

Regularly scheduled wellness clinics, child health clinics, prenatal and hospice care are also available to residents. Town funding partially supports these services.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The actual cost of all services provided in 1998 with all funding sources is projected to be \$66,010.73.

The total cost of services provided for a partial fee, or at no charge to residents in 1998 is projected to be \$3,141.68 for home care.

For 1999, we recommend an appropriation of \$9,000.00 to continue to be available for home care services.

Thank you for your consideration

LEFEVRE AMBULANCE SERVICE, INC. 1998 REPORT

LeFevre Ambulance Service, Inc. had another successful year in 1998 and we are proud of the accomplishments of our staff and those with whom we work. The highlight of the year for LeFevre Ambulance Service was at the annual Vermont Emergency Medical Services banquet held in South Burlington in April LeFevre Ambulance Service was recognized as the Vermont Ambulance Service of the year for 1998. This award is extra special as it is awarded to the ambulance service in Vermont that is nominated by peers, from both within our area, and across the State of Vermont. We are pleased to be the recipient of this award, and we recognize the constant efforts by our staff to maintain such a high level of quality and service. Tim Clark, EMT-P staff paramedic, was also honored at the banquet for his work in child injury prevention. This is exemplary of the dedication of the LeFevre Ambulance Service staff.

As always, LeFevre Ambulance Service strived to provide the highest level of pre-hospital care to all that we serve. In the past year, we have increased the number of Paramedics on staff, and several of our staff members have been increasing their levels of certification. This results in the people in need of our services having the best possible care we can provide.

Of Course, we would not be able to provide such quality care if it were not for the efforts of the Acworth Rescue Squad and Fire Department. Their efforts are essential in the provision of the best EMS system that can care for a rural environment. They continue to provide excellent basic care for all the citizens in Acworth and are an important part of our EMS team. We look forward to another year of working closely with the Acworth Rescue Squad and Fire Department.

LeFevre Ambulance Service has again been active in the area of education. Our staff have been instructing and coordinating EMS courses of all levels for the local EMS district, benefiting all towns and services within the area. We have also been providing CPR and First Aid classes for lay persons, industrial agencies and EMS providers. Anyone wishing information on these classes is encouraged to call our non-emergency number for information.

LeFevre Ambulance Service holds monthly training sessions at its office in Bellows Falls. Any parties, especially all area EMS providers, are encouraged to attend. Please call our non-emergency number for a schedule of training. (802) 463-3636 or 463-9299.

The current staff at LeFevre Ambulance Service is comprised of the following certified personnel:

Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedic	6
Emergency Medical Technician-Intermediate	7**
Emergency Medical Technician-Basic	15
Emergency Care Attendant	2

**currently, 2 of our EMT-B personnel are enrolled in the EMT-1 program.

LeFevre Ambulance Service responded to the following calls in the Town of Acworth in 1998.

Emergency Calls	41
Non-Emergent Transport	25
Fire Stand-by	0
Public Assist	0
TOTAL	66

There are two means of calling for an ambulance in an emergency situation in Acworth. Most residents call the Mutual Aid Dispatch Center in Keen, NH, who will tone the Rescue and notify the ambulance service. Residents may also call LeFevre Ambulance Service directly at our emergency number. Any time that we receive a call via this method, we will immediately notify Mutual Aid to dispatch the Rescue. No matter the method used, the caller will get both the ambulance and rescue response that they need. For non-emergent transport requests, residents should call the Non-emergency number directly to LeFevre Ambulance Service, transport requests, residents should call the Non-emergency number directly to LeFevre Ambulance Service.

Once again, LeFevre Ambulance Service wishes to thank the people of Acworth for allowing us to service your EMS needs. We look forward to another successful year in 1999!

Respectfully submitted,
LeFevre Ambulance Service, Inc.
Gerald LeFevre, President

Our numbers for your convenience:

Emergency:	(802) 463-4223
Non-Emergency:	(802) 463-3636/463-9299
Fax:	(802) 463-0023

"We Care About People"

TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 1998 REPORT

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Violations of RSA 227-L17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws. Please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. Early in 1998 we experienced an ice storm, which caused severe damage to forests of New Hampshire. This damage created a greater potential fire hazard as well as safety hazards to many areas of the state. Your local fire warden and Forest Rangers need your assistance in preventing wild-fires in these hard hit areas and throughout the State. If you need assistance or information dealing with ice damaged woodlands, please call 1-800-444-8978

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

1998 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 23, 1998)

<u>FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY</u>		<u>CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED</u>	
Belknap	44	Smoking	59
Carroll	89	Debris Burning	38
Cheshire	67	Campfire	29
Coos	18	Power Line	14
Grafton	43	Railroad	9
Hillsborough	232	Equipment Use	24
Merrimack	108	Lightning	16
Rockingham	121	Children	95
Strafford	64	OHRV	6
Sullivan	12	Miscellaneous	53
		Unknown	140
		Fireworks	6
		Arson/Suspicious	16
		Illegal	231
		Rekindle	43
		Disposal of ashes	19
TOTAL FIRES	798		
TOTAL ACRES	442.86		

SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL DISTRICT 1998 REPORT

The Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District Committee met only three times in 1998, continuing the trend towards less direct involvement by town representatives to the District. Increasingly decisions affecting the district and the member communities in Sullivan County are made by the NH/VT Solid Waste Project's management

In early 1998 a settlement was reached with attorney's for the NH/VT Solid Waste Project ending a lawsuit brought against the town in 1995. Acworth dropped efforts to withdraw from the Sullivan County waste district, resumed shipments of solid waste to the Wheelabrator incinerator in Claremont and committed to make payments for a number of years allowing the Project to recoup revenues lost during the period Acworth shipped waste to landfills at reduced cost to the town. The legal issues involving the town's ability to withdraw from the waste district and the nature of the town's financial obligations to the district were not resolved.

The NH/VT Solid Waste Project is currently pursuing the sale or lease of the publicly owned ash landfill in Newport to a private waste management company based in Massachusetts. The company seeks to expand operations at the landfill to include landfiling of up to 500 tons-per-day of municipal solid waste in addition to the 40-60 tons of incinerator ash currently disposed of at the site daily.

Sullivan County itself produces about 40 tons of solid waste per day. Acworth's representative to the waste district believes that privatization and expansion of the ash landfill will have a negative impact on the region and has joined other representatives calling for long range planning and an exploration of alternatives to the Project's existing and proposed waste management strategies.

John Tuthill
2/16/99

NH/VT SOLID WASTE PROJECT
1998 ANNUAL REPORT

We began the year saving everyone \$22.34 per ton of solid waste delivered to the Claremont waste-to-energy plant. This is the result of reducing the tipping fee from \$74.09 to \$51.75 and has reversed the trend in recent years for a substantial portion of our collective waste stream to be diverted, thereby demonstrating that economic flow control can and does work. By working together to keep the tipping fees low and maximize recycling efforts, both the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District and the Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District will more effectively fulfill their obligations of managing and disposing of waste generated within their member towns.

In addition to the reduction in tipping fees, a collections policy was also adopted which enabled Project staff to collect over \$250,000 in outstanding receivables. This did include one sizeable account that had to be resolved through litigation, but a majority of the accounts have been handled by our office.

Unlike years past, the Project was only involved in one significant lawsuit this year. The legal action prompted by Acworth's unilateral attempt to withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District, and thereby the Project, was resolved earlier this year with Acworth remaining a member of the Sullivan County District. The trial court determined that Acworth had inappropriately withdrawn from the District; and although the issue of damages did go to trial, it was settled after a half-day of testimony.

Planning efforts were initiated in the spring of 1998 to address the future management of solid waste by the Districts as well as pre-existing contractual obligations, and resulted in several avenues being identified and explored. A Request for Proposals was published in May that invited interested parties to submit proposals for operating the ash landfill in Newport, New Hampshire. Several proposals were received, although none included a regional recycling facility, and the analysis of options is ongoing. After identifying several major objectives, including ensuring the environmental integrity of the site, minimizing current and future liability, and creating alternatives and options for Project communities, it was determined that a sale or long-term lease of the property appears to best address these objectives. The lease/sale option is the only option under consideration that requires the participation of an outside party – all other options remain within the control of the Project and include:

- Closure upon exhaustion of existing capacity, trucking ash from 2001-2007 to an alternative site;
- Bond the construction of sufficient capacity to meet the demands of ash disposal under the Wheelabrator contract; or
- Bond the construction of a full expansion of the site and accept commercial waste;

All of these "internal" options, however, preserve the current liabilities that accrue to each member of the Districts and any expansion would require a bond to finance initial construction expenses. The sale/lease option continues to be discussed and input is welcome, with the hope that a strategic plan for the site can be prepared during the first quarter of 1999 for presentation at public meetings and for consideration by the Joint Committee.

In addition, samples were taken from the landfill in July by Fritz Enterprises Inc. in order to evaluate the feasibility of recovering the metals present in the ash. The results indicated that it is feasible to bring a mobile separation unit to the site in order to recover both ferrous and non-ferrous metals for recycling. It is hoped that this effort will be completed in 1999.

On the legislative front, several issues have arisen which directly or indirectly affect the member communities. The Vermont legislature passed a mercury reduction bill that established a mercury advisory committee and is, in part, targeting the emissions from waste-to-energy incinerators. Although the Project is exempt from this statute because the contract with Wheelabrator was already in place upon adoption of the statute, it is of continuing interest to all members of the Project. Currently, the advisory committee is recommending the revival of the investigations of the Project by the Vermont Attorney General and the State Auditor's offices, with a recommended focus on finances and contractual obligations.

The New Hampshire legislature will see several bills introduced that affect the Project as well, including establishing a committee to study the Sullivan County District, to repeal the inter-state compact, land use in Newport, and items generally addressing solid waste and mercury. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services has also published a mercury reduction strategy that is anticipated to become the subject of legislative action this year as well.

The Districts have signed an agreement with Wheelabrator which provides for the immediate refund of over \$30,000 that was paid for the analysis of ash from the incinerator and establishes a split fee schedule for the duration of the Waste Disposal Agreement. The discrepancy was discovered by the Project bookkeeper, Denise Callum, during budget preparation activities.

The Joint Committee and both Districts have also approved the 1999 operating budget. The budget total is \$3,210,828, with the Sullivan County District share being 57.83% and the Vermont District share being 42.17%, based on the historical average of deliveries for the last ten years. This budget allows the tipping fee to remain competitive and will be \$57.00 per ton effective February 1, 1999.

As 1998 draws to a close, we are enjoying increased public participation in the Executive Committee and District meetings, which is a trend we hope continues. The best decisions can only be made with the best available information and the sharing of perspectives. As we move toward the creation of a long-term regional plan, it is my personal hope that all the positive aspects of public participation will be realized.

Mary E.S. Williams
Project Director

BIRTHS IN ACWORTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PARENTS</u>
1-9-98	Lydia Ruth Cook	Andrew Cook Lori Cook
2-26-98	Joselynn Rae Holt	Steven Holt Tanya Merrifield-Holt
6-30-98	Madison Paige Lord	Bret Lord Mary Lord
8-26-98	Sophie Isabella Bushey	Gregory Bushey Jennifer M. Aiken

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN ACWORTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
2-14-98	Hubert Elvin Hartley III Janice Lee McCann	Mass. NH
8-20-98	Roy Elmer Miller Nancy Louise Stoddard	NH NH
9-2-98	Gerald Tip Ledbetter Jennifer Lee Zwicker	NH NH
9-16-98	Hugh Douglas Gendron Tammy Marie Woodell	NH NH
11-18-98	Jean Rene Vaillancourt Joan Weston Jones	NH NH
12-8-98	Herbert Paul Greenwood Heidi Royalla Lafayette	NH NH
May 1997	Donald Courtemache Heidi Balla	NH
August 1997	Kenneth Christie Tina Woodell	NH NH

DEATHS RECORDED IN ACWORTH

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>AGE</u>
May 7, 1998	James Edgar Allen, Jr.	64
April 19, 1998	Perley D. Balla	60
August 23, 1998	Charles F.A. Locke	59
September 2, 1998	Helen Y. Neal	68
October 1, 1998	Ernest Elmer Rhoades	77
December 17, 1998	Leon F. Newton	89

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